**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Does not arise.

### CONSTRUCTION OF SHELTERS—ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI

**80. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** *(Cranganur):* Will Government kindly state whether they are contemplating the construction of shelters in the sheds constructed for the use of evacuees from the towns of Ernakulam and Mattancheri?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* The question of constructing a few shelters near the evacuation sheds at Palluruthi, Vyttila and Ponnuruni is under consideration.

**Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is considering as to whether shelters are necessary for all the evacuees, or only for some?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* It would be best if it is possible to construct shelters for all the evacuees. But in Palluruthi, space does not permit for constructing shelters for all of them. In Vyttila it is possible.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the shelters built in Mattancheri are capable of being used as such.

**Mr. President:** This question does not deal with shelters in Ernakulam or Mattancheri. That is not the point.

## VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

### 16. Law and Justice—Rs. 2,01,523

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 2,01,523 under 15—Law and Justice. The budget relating to this department is a routine one and there is no particular feature in it to which I should draw your attention. The House may therefore be pleased to sanction the grant.

### CUT MOTION No. 1

### The delay in publishing Cochin Law Reports

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Cheruthuruthi):* I move, *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,849 for Establishment, Civil Justice—High Court, by Re. 1. The object is to bring to the notice of the Government the delay in publishing the Cochin Law Reports.* Cochin Law Reports are published quarterly and the subscription is always paid in advance. Only the first part was published this year although we are at the fag end of the fourth quarter. There are private publications of the reports of the High Court and I think the latest part we have got is that of Mithunam. 11 Parts have been published this year, whereas the reports of the first three months are publised in the Government Gazette. I want to know what the delay is due to. There is a special Law Reporter who is paid a handsome allowance of Rs. 75 a month and there is also an efficient Government Press. Besides the inconvenience caused to the public on account of the delay in publishing these reports, the Government stands to lose some money, as I am sure it will be evident from the decrease in the number of subscribers to the Cochin Law Reports—Government publications, after the starting of the private publications of the Law reports. I therefore bring this to the notice of the Government and tell them that unless they are going to publish more promptly, if possible, even monthly, I think it would be better for them to stop the publication and save money and ask some authorities to publish for them. I therefore request the Government to consider the matter seriously and do the needful.

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** *(Advocate-General):* Sir, there is truth in the statement made by the Hon'ble Member that there has been delay in the publication of parts II and III of the Cochin Law Reports. Under the Rules framed by the High Court, it is laid down that within two months after the termination of a quarter, the Law Report of that quarter should be published. It is only with regard to parts 2 and 3 that there has been delay and it was due to the fact that the High Court was closed this year earlier for the mid-summer. There was no sitting at all in Meenam. The reports for Chingam, Kanni and Thulam have been published in time. The reports for Vrischigam, Dhanu and Makaram should have been published in the month of Meenam. But as a matter of fact, the court happened to be closed on the 1st Meenam and all the records together with the library of the High Court had to be transferred to distant places. That was the reason why parts 2 and 3 were not published in time as usual. Care has been taken to see that these publications are pushed through. Hon'ble Members are aware that you are attending to several pieces of important legislation on account of the situation created by the war. There has therefore been heavy work in the

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